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October 4, 6:30 pm

Forging the Red Arrow: Wisconsin builds the 32nd Division

MAJ Brian J. Faltinson
Public Affairs Officer
Wisconsin National Guard

After declaring war on Germany in April 1917, the entire National Guard was mobilized, including 15,000 soldiers from Wisconsin and 8,000 troops from the Michigan National Guard, who together formed the 32nd Division. Within a year, the 32nd was a combat-ready division – and ready to begin the legacy of the Red Arrow Division.

October 11, 6:30 pm

An Unlikely Ally

Henry Reichenbach
UW-Milwaukee History Major
Wisconsin National Guard

The U.S. had a standing army of just 127,500 when war was declared on Germany on April 6, 1917. Millions were mobilized, including 12,000 Native Americans, most of whom were not even American citizens at the time. Learn why they joined the U.S. Army and Navy, which tribes declared war on Germany themselves and their overall impact on the Great War.

October 18, 6:30 pm

Hell's Half Acre: The True Story of the Lost Battalion

Robert Laplander
Author and historian

On the evening of October 2nd, 1918, Major Charles W. Whittlesey of the 77th Division led nearly 700 men under his command into the narrow Charlevaux Ravine, deep in the heart of the Argonne Forest. Five days later, just 194 survivors walked out of the ravine – and into history.

November 1, 6:30 pm

Doughboy MIA

Robert Laplander
Author and historian

Between 1919 and 1934 the Graves Registration Service of the U.S. Army handled more than 80,000 burials of those killed in action in France and went to great lengths to recover all those who remained missing. Despite their efforts, 4,423 U.S. service personnel remain missing in action from World War One. Learn about the effort to account for all those missing in action.



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